

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/927,791
Amendment dated June 27, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 7, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 8-9 and 19-21, are pending in this application. Claims 1-2 and 10-13, are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-7 and 14-18, were previously canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Office Action that claims 8-9 and 19-21 are allowable, and for indicating claim 9 would be allowable if amended to correct a minor informality. Accordingly, claim 9 has been amended to recite, "...the fluorescent dye labeled at least four polynucleotides..." as suggested by the Examiner. Support for amended claim 9 appears in original claim 8 from which claim 9 depends. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and continued examination of the present application are respectfully requested.

I. Substance of Examiner Interview held on January 26, 2005.

Examiner Choi is thanked for conducting an interview with Susanne M. Hopkins, on January 26, 2005. During the interview, Examiner Choi indicated that he would withdraw the rejections of the claims as anticipated by each of Smith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,747,249) and Ansorge et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,912,118). Examiner Choi also indicated that he would perform an additional search, and depending on the search results, he would either reject or allow the claims.

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II. At Page 2, paragraph 3, of the Office Action, claim 9 has been objected to.

The Examiner asserts that the recitation in claim 9, lines 1-2, "...the fluorescent labeled at least four polynucleotides..." should be changed to recite "...the fluorescent *dye* labeled at least four polynucleotides..." Accordingly, claim 9 has been amended to recite the term "dye," as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, the rejection is traversed and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

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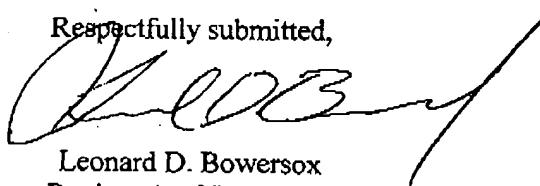
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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